

**REMARKS BY VADM MUNNS
USS JIMMY CARTER COMMISSIONING
GROTON, CT
19 FEB 05**

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER, THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A BIG PART OF THIS CEREMONY, OF THIS CREW, AND OF THIS SHIP. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JIMMY CARTER, ON BEHALF OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET COMMANDER, THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING TODAY AND FOR YOUR EACH SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.

OUR PURPOSE TODAY IS SIMPLE, YET THE PROCESS TO ARRIVE AT THIS MILESTONE HAS BEEN COMPLEX. IT HAS REQUIRED THE GENIUS, THE INSPIRATION, AND PERSPIRATION OF MANY PEOPLE. THIS MAGNIFICENT SHIP IS THE PRODUCT OF INGENIOUS DESIGN AND ENGINEERING, SCI-FI TECHNOLOGY, AND INCREDIBLE EFFORTS OF THE MANY, MANY PROFESSIONALS -- ALL BOUND TOWARD A COMMON GOAL OF GETTING US HERE TO THIS DAY TODAY.

CAPT. KELSO AND YOUR CREW, WELCOME TO THE U.S. SUBMARINE FORCE. YOU AND YOUR MEN HAVE DONE

MUCH TO BE PROUD OF, BUT ALSO MUCH WORK STILL TO DO. YOU MUST NOW PERFECT YOUR CREW AND STEER THIS SHIP TO ALL THE STRATEGIC CORNERS OF THIS GLOBE, LEVERAGE HER STEALTH, HER ENDURANCE, HER ABILITY AND HER CAPABILITIES TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITIES. USS JIMMY CARTER HAS MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, TO THE STABILITY OF THIS NATION, AND TO THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS IN NEED OF HER SERVICE AND I CHARGE YOU AND YOUR CREW TO MAKE HER READY. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR CREW.